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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP, SA, US (SOLARZ, STEPHAN)  
SUBJ: CODEL SOLARZ CONVERSATION WITH CROWN PRINCE

1. AT MY REQUEST PRINCE FAHD RECEIVED CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ  
AT FIVE P.M. DEC 22. MEETING LASTED FORTY-FIVE MINUTES.  
PRINCE ABDULLAH, DOCTOR PHARAON AND MINISTER OF DIWAN  
(KHOUREIJI) PRESENT. I ACCOMPANIED SOLARZ. AS WE ENTERED  
AUDIENCE CHAMBER, KHOUREIJI SAID VICEROY WOULD LIKE TO  
KNOW WHETHER SOLARZ WANTED FAHD'S VIEWS OR WISHED TO  
CONVEY HIS OWN TO FAHD. SOLARZ OPTED FOR FAHD'S VIEWS.

2. ASIDE FROM GRACIOUS STATEMENT BY SOLARZ ABOUT  
SAUDI ACTION IN RECENT OPEC MEETING, AND IDENTIVICATION  
OF HIMSELF AS MEMBER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE,  
DISCUSSION WAS CONFINED TO QUESTION AND ANSWER ROUTINE ON  
SAUDI ATTITUDES DURING POSSIBLE NEGOTIATION OF PEACE  
ARRANGEMENTS. SOLARZ WAS POLITE, INTENSE AND DILIGENT  
IN POSING QUESTIONS. THE VICEROY WAS POLITE RELAXED AND  
FORTHCOMING THOUGH HE BROKE NO NEW GROUND.

3. SOLARZ INQUIRED WHETHER IN FAHD'S OPINION IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE  
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FOR SAUDI ARABIA TO ACCEPT A SETTLEMENT IF THE  
CONFRONTATION STATES AGREED TO ONE. FAHD SAID SAUDI ARABIA  
WOULD AGREE PROVIDED THE PALESTINIANS PARTICIPATED AND  
AGREED. SOLARZ ASKED IF WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE  
PALESTINIANS AS MEMBERS OF ONE DELEGATION, TO WHICH  
VICEROY REPLIED FORM SEEMED RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT

PROVIDED THEY PARTICIPATE. SOLARZ WONDERED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE ARABS OTHER THAN THE PLO IN A NEGOTIATING GROUP. FAHD SAID THAT IN THE VIEW OF ALL THE ARAB STATES THE PLO REPRESENTS THE PALESTINIANS AND THE COMPOSITION OF THEIR DELEGATION WOULD BE A MATTER THE PALESTINIANS TO DETERMINE. SOLARZ TURNED TO JERUSALEM AND ASKED WHETHER SAUDI ARABIA WOULD AGREE WITH A SOLUTION WHICH WOULD INVOLVE AN INDEPENDENT ARAB STATE ON THE WEST BANK, PLUS THE GAZA STRIP, AND WHICH PROVIDED FOR ISRAELI SOVEREIGNTY OVER JERUSALEM, IF SYRIA AND EGYPT AGREED TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. FAHD REPLIED THAT SYRIA AND EGYPT WOULD NOT AGREE TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT BECAUSE ALL THE ARABS, AND OTHERS THAN THE ARABS WERE INVOLVED IN THAT QUESTION. HE THOUGHT IT INAPPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO SAY MORE AT THIS POINT. SOLARZ INQUIRED WHETHER SAUDI ARABIA WOULD RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AND ACCEPT CONDITIONS OF NORMAL COMMERCE AND CONTACT IF A TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT COULD BE REACHED. VICEROY SAID THAT IF A SETTLEMENT IS AGREED THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE FRONTIERS AND CONTACTS OF VARIOUS KINDS. AS TO RECOGNITION, HE THOUGHT IT PREMATURE TO DISCUSS HOW AND WHEN THAT MIGHT DEVELOP THOUGH HE WAS NOT EXCLUDING ANY POSSIBILITY FOR THE FUTURE. IN SHORT, SOLARZ CONCENTRATED ON THREE ASPECTS OF PROBLEM (A) WHAT EFFECT WEST BANK/GAZA STRIP SETTLEMENT WOULD HAVE ON ARAB STATES ATTITUDES TOWARD PLO AND JERUSALEM ASPECTS OF MATTER; (B) POSSIBILITY OF SHUNTING OR DILUTING PLO INFLUENCE DURING NEGOTIATING PERIOD; AND (C) WHETHER SYRIAN EGYPTIAN SATISFACTION ON THEIR OWN TERRITORIAL INTERESTS WOULD AFFECT SAUDI ATTITUDE TOWARD JERUSALEM.

4. FOREGOING IS SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES. SOLARZ  
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EXPRESSED VIEW LATER THAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS RATHER STANDARD FARE.

5. AS SOLARZ CHANGED HIS TRAVEL PLANS TWICE WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AND DECIDED HE WISHED TO CUT HIS VISIT SHORT, IT WAS NECESSARY TO ASK FAHD'S STAFF TO HELP US GET HIM ON PLANE TO DDDAMASCUS. THEY DID THE NECESSARY. SOLARZ SAID IT WAS VITAL THAT HE SEE ASAD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO HE COULD ARRIVE IN TEL AVIV WITH MINIMUM DELAY.

6. ABOVE NOT CLEARED WITH CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ.  
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